

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Institutional architecture of the EU

Theme/Topic:	The institutional architecture of the EU 'after Lisbon' – Fit for the next decade?
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Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	Seminar and discussion at the presence workshop, interactive course text, learning videos, guided forum, 'webinars'
Assessment methods:	Final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in forum discussions
Skills and competences:	Understanding EU policy making in its institutional context; applying theoretical/analytical tools to conceptualise the EU's functioning; Handling of EU primary documents; Filtering and interpreting these information properly.

Objective and course content:

The course focuses on the explanation of the institutional architecture of the EU in the light of current challenges, providing in-depth insights on the Union's institutions and decision-making procedures from a 'legal' and 'living perspective'. Both the institutions' internal functioning as well as their interaction in the EU's political system will be analysed. Apart from that, future scenarios of EU governance and integration for the decade 2020-30 will be discussed in light of the experiences with the Treaty of Lisbon (2009) so far. For all topics, starting points for further research will be integrated in the interactive course text.

Bibliographical advice and links:

Joint CEPS, EGMONT and EPC Study, 2010, *The Lisbon Treaty: A Second Look at the Institutional Innovations*. Available: https://www.epc.eu/pub_details.php?cat_id=1&pub_id=1150

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